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The Office of Price Administration has just announced the numbers of the ration stamps with which you can get sugar for home canning. They are numbers 15 and 16 in War Ration Book Number One. Both 15 and 16 will be valid from May 24th -- next Monday -- until October 31st, and each will be good for five pounds of sugar for home canning. By using these stamps you can get as much as 10 pounds of sugar for home canning for each member of your family. Then if you need more, you can apply to your local ration board. To repeat, the numbers of the stamps with which to get sugar for home canning -- they're number 15 and number 16 in war ration Book One. In addition to these, stamp number 13 will be valid from the first of June to August 15 and will be good for 5 pounds of sugar for general household use.

While we're on the subject of ration stamps.....let me report some changes in dates when certain blue and red stamps expire. Originally, all ration stamps now valid were supposed to go out of date at the end of this month. However, blue stamps G, H, and J are now good until June 7th. Red stamp "J" will be good through the month of June. OPA has changed the expiration dates for this reason: people have a tendency to buy heavier just before the stamps go out of date, and with so many stamps expiring at one time the heavy buying would put quite a strain on supplies and personnel at the markets. As things stand now, the stamps that expire at the end of this month are the coffee stamp, the sugar stamp, and red stamps E, F, G, and H.

One more thing about ration stamps. If you don't use all your stamps before they expire, be sure to destroy them as soon as they do expire. You see, the storekeepers turn in stamps in order to get new stocks of food to sell. If they turn in stamps that don't represent sales of food, they build up their stocks and have rationed food they might sell without taking ration stamps. That isn't fair to those who are trying to abide by the rules. So help prevent black markets. Promptly destroy any stamps you haven't used when they go out of date.

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